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Tories to sell Royal Mail

5p cut in letter post to be offered in manifesto

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

THE blueprint for a scheme to break up the Royal Mail into 11 franchises — each to be tendered to private firms — is being planned by ministers for inclusion in the Conservative party election manifesto.

The plans to revive the controversial privatisation of the Post Office will be sent to Downing Street by a team of ministers under Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, and could cut five pence from the cost of posting a letter.

The proposals will also include selling off ParcelForce, the Post Office's carrier, to a private company and an acceleration of the leasing of the remaining Crown Post Offices to private owners. Post Office Counters Ltd, which has overall responsibility for sub and

main post offices, will remain in the public sector.

The privatisation of the Post Office, which makes a profit of £220 million a year, is likely to raise more than £1 billion.

A new regulator, the director of Ofpost, will be created to supervise the privatised Royal Mail, joining colleagues responsible for rail, gas, water, electricity, telephones and the National Lottery.

The most dramatic impact for the public will be a plan to replace the present national 26p first class and 20p second class with a new maximum charge set by the regulator for national mail. Competing companies will offer lower rates inside their regional franchises and lower national rates.

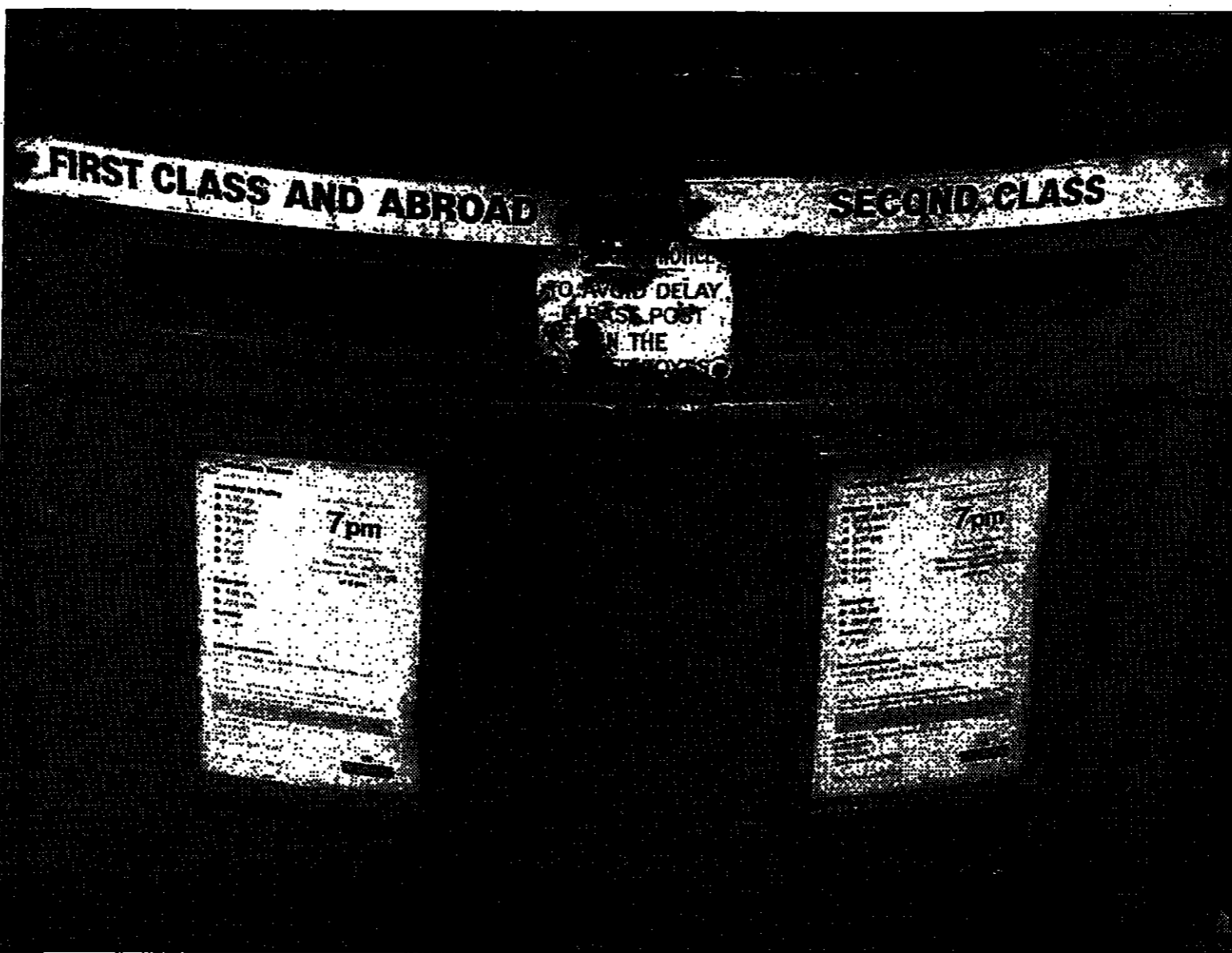
The plan is based on what ministers regard as the successful privatisation of British Rail — with the aim of encouraging different private companies to bid for 15-year franchises to run Royal Mail regions.

Contracts will also be let to provide the trunking arrangements between the 11 franchises to keep the national delivery service in place.

The 11 regions are Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, London, North East, North West, Midlands, Anglia, the South East, the South West and South Central (covering West Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset, Berkshire and Surrey).

Ministers believe the break-up will introduce millions of pounds of productivity savings and cut postal charges. The biggest reduction could be in London, where postal charges within the capital could drop by more than 5p.

Ministers were emphasising yesterday that the full details of the scheme are still being discussed. But the big-



Part of a national system of post... under Tory plans, each region would be run separately by different private companies

gest gains will come from changing working practices. The move comes at a sensitive time. Ministers are planning to suspend the £1 Post Office monopoly if the next series of strikes by staff, due to begin tomorrow, takes place. But the privatisation plans suggest that ministers still want to keep a national delivery system for the foreseeable future, suggesting it

would be restored immediately the strike finished. Ministers appear to believe that the strikes will change public attitudes to privatisation among members of the public, who have constantly opposed the sale of the Royal Mail.

Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, can be expected to back the move since he was particularly

angry about being thwarted in his plan to introduce a privatisation bill last year. Tory rebels refused to agree the plan.

The separate sale of ParcelForce was dropped by the Government last year because it could not attract buyers for its loss-making services.

Treasury looks to next century

THE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is being urged to consider "doomsday" options for improving Britain's economy into the next century, including the virtual privatisation of pensions, unemployment benefit and other aspects of the welfare state, according to

a leaked Treasury options paper, writes Michael White. However, Treasury officials said the internal document had not yet been seen or authorised by ministers and had merely been read — not endorsed — by the department's senior management.

Post Office divisions

Royal Mail	161,000 staff
ParcelForce	12,000 staff
Post Office Counters	13,000 staff, 19,000 outlets
Pre-tax profits	£35m
95/96	£35m
94/95	£30m

ParcelForce

Staff	12,000
Pre-tax losses	£71m
95/96	£71m
94/95	£30m

The shock of Yeltsin in the flesh

Laurence McQuillan is an American journalist who witnessed the meeting between US vice president Al Gore and the Russian leader yesterday. His shock at Mr Yeltsin's appearance confirms the new doubts about his health



A smiling Yeltsin greets Gore in the Barvikha sanatorium

THE difference in President Yeltsin's appearance is striking: the man I saw in April was full of vigour, the man I saw yesterday had a hard time walking. As one of two American journalists who accompanied Al Gore, the vice president, on his trip to Russia, I was allowed inside the cream-coloured government sanatorium where Kremlin officials announced on Monday that Mr Yeltsin had decided to take a "holiday" for two weeks.

After eventually being permitted by security forces to join a small group of Russian journalists, I was taken to the third floor of what a Russian official said was "like your health spa". The facility, where many staff wore white uniforms, had the combined feel of an office complex and a hospital. After waiting several minutes we were ushered into the office where photographs were to be taken. Mr Yeltsin

was standing alone — like a soldier standing at attention, arms glued to his sides. With his white hair combed immaculately, the 66-year-old Russian leader stared straight ahead, not acknowledging our presence.

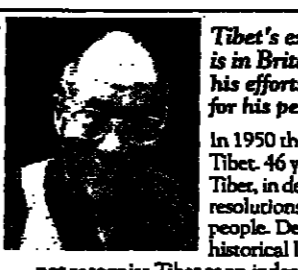
After several minutes of doing nothing, he suddenly seemed to realise that Mr Gore's arrival was not imminent. Slowly, he turned and started shuffling gingerly across the room, going about 10 feet, turning and retracing his steps, his eyes fixed on the floor. He was clearly concentrating intently on walking.

Rothschild's 'lost family's fortune'

Dan Atkinson, Chris Barrie, and Marilyn Halseall

THE Rothschild banking dynasty faces legal action over allegations of "serious mismanagement" of a multi-million pound family fortune. The claim relates to Rothschild's worldwide asset management business, which has been performing badly in recent years.

A wealthy Midlands family is alleging professional incompetence on the part of Rothschild's Swiss operation. It claims that a £3.5 million trust set up in January 1990 had lost all but £60,000 within 20 months.



Tibet's exiled leader, the Dalai Lama, is in Britain this week. Please support his efforts to gain justice and support for his people.

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Question time as safe as houses



Simon Hoggart

MR HARRY BARNES (Lab, Derby NE) raised a point of order. He had, by accident, received a letter intended for Mr Simon Coombs, who sits in the Conservative interest for Swindon. The letter suggested that Mr Coombs might care to attend a discussion with Trade and Industry ministers just before question time on those topics. "Your contribution is much appreciated. It is an opportunity to make sure that the resulting exchanges will be beneficial to all."

for preferment in the last reshuffle before the election. The debate on the sale of service accommodation followed. Mr David Clark, who you have never heard of, but is the shadow defence secretary, led for Labour. He was work-maniac, and few Tories, most of whom have doubts, troubled to interrupt him.

Mr Bill Walker (C, Tayside N) spotted a golden greasing opportunity. He rose to imply that the objections were mere pusillanimous cavils, since there would be no problem about obtaining adequate accommodation for the forces whenever it was needed. "In times of hostility, the Government can do almost anything," he said.

Heavenly MPs were horrified. Agast! Stupefied! There was reeling and writhing and fainting in coils. The Commons matron was urgently summoned with sal volatile and proprietary duties. The notion that back-benchers might collude to turn Question Time into little more than a cheer-leading session for the Government was so outrageous that several of them had to be carried off on stretchers, with a hoarse, Italian strikers from the penalty area.



Duncan Smyth at his Warwickshire home, which he said was threatened by Rothschild's 'serious mismanagement'

Rothschild's faces 'lost millions' action

continued from page 1 had never been a trustee and was not responsible for vetting any investment ideas put to the trust either by its beneficiaries or by anybody else. The family is poised to take legal action to force Rothschild's to resign as trustees. The family also wants further compensation.

Mr Smyth claims Rothschild's management fees have eaten up £35,000, and only £44,000 has been paid out as income. The affair had taken a heavy toll on his family's health and happiness. The wrangling had driven him "to the point of suicide", inducing a stress-related heart condition.

It had hastened the end of his marriage, and his younger son David, now 17, had been "traumatised" by the threatened eviction. "A lot of people would have cracked and gone under," Mr Smyth said. "It has become a living nightmare."

A spokesman for NM Rothschild declined to comment on the bank's Swiss operations. A complaint from the Smyths to the Bank of England was passed on in January to its opposite number in Bern, the Swiss Federal Banking Commission.

The Rothschild empire is a loose, worldwide grouping with 2,000 employees. It has offices in 20 countries and manages funds totalling \$30 billion (about £19 billion).

First night Swooping script of painful free fall

Lyn Gardner

THERE is an extraordinary scene in Naomi Wallace's adaptation of William Wharton's novel. Sergeant Al sucks up some porridge, cups his lips over the open, greedy chick-like mouth of his boyhood friend Birdy and feeds him like a tame place bird. It is a moment of almost obscene intimacy, so naked and tender that you want to avert your prying eyes. It is like watching someone make love or give birth.

tests for flight. "It was like being alive," he says. He spends the rest of his boyhood trying to recreate this exhilarating feeling with the aid of a bicycle and a homemade pair of wings. "Dore doesn't look like she could fly under any conditions," Birdy tells Al who is urging him to put aside his pigeons for girls.

Botham caught in slips as sex, drugs and cricket merge

Matthew Engel at the great libel test

THE second day of the Great Cricketing Libel Case continued before Mr Justice French yesterday in the jam-packed hall-hole officially known as Court 13 at the Royal Courts of Justice. It produced two sessions of pure nostalgia.



Imran Khan, defending libel allegations, and his wife Jemima leaving the High Court

and later allegation that he slept and took cocaine with a Miss Barados. Botham, one of the two greatest all-rounders of the 1980s, is suing the other, Imran Khan, for libel over an article in the Sun calling him a cheat. Botham and his former England teammate Allan Lamb are also suing Imran, the former Pakistan captain and aspiring politician, for an interview in India Today which quoted him as saying they were racists, uneducated and lacked class.

were never this high, however, the costs may approach £1 million. Despite protests from the plaintiffs' counsel, Charles Gray QC, Mr Carman tried to shed doubt on Botham's veracity by going back to 1964 and raking up his denial that he had smoked pot. "That was a lie, wasn't it?" asked Carman. "When you're confronted by a pack of journalists you tend to freeze, don't you?" replied Botham. "That was a lie."

Botham said that was inaccurate: he only wanted to send her there for two weeks. "It meant no more than any other mother-in-law joke." "But you were being pretty offensive to Pakistan and its citizens?" asked Mr Carman. "In that case I'd say I have been more offensive about Australia than I have about Pakistan."

thorough going-over with his glove". Botham said this was to dry the ball, which would have grown moist while being stored in a plastic bag in the umpire's pocket. He could not do it himself because his hands were sweaty.

Botham was seen throwing the new ball to the wicket-keeper Bob Taylor who then gave it what Ted Dexter, who was commenting at the time and clearly mystified, called "a

Labour hits out at Central Office 'fears and smears'

Michael White Political Editor

A JITTERY Labour Party last night launched a ferocious attack on the Conservatives' election strategy in the wake of new evidence that the Central Office will be spending a record £10 million on an American-style negative campaign of "fears and smears."

After the Conservative chairman, Dr Brian Mawhinney, launched a poster bearing the slogan "Labour's Union Jack" over a white flag with the message "New Labour. No Britain" Labour strategists summoned a press conference to reject Dr Mawhinney's charge that Scots, Welsh and English regional assemblies — plus a London authority — would cost £108 million a year.

'MacBirt' wins high-profile prize as head of Radio Four

Andrew Cuff

JAMES Boyle, the head of Radio Scotland, was yesterday appointed controller of Radio Four, one of the highest-profile jobs in broadcasting.

appointed director of radio, announced the appointment at the radio festival in Birmingham. He said: "James has a strong track record in public service broadcasting and has the breadth of intellectual and practical experience to lead Radio 4."

Michael Green and see my task as one of defending and developing Radio Four," he said. Mr Boyle, currently on secondment as the BBC's chief adviser of editorial policy, acquired the passion inspired by the network. Listeners' campaigns have saved Radio Four's long-wave frequency and helped ditch Anderson Country.



James Boyle... popular staff motivator

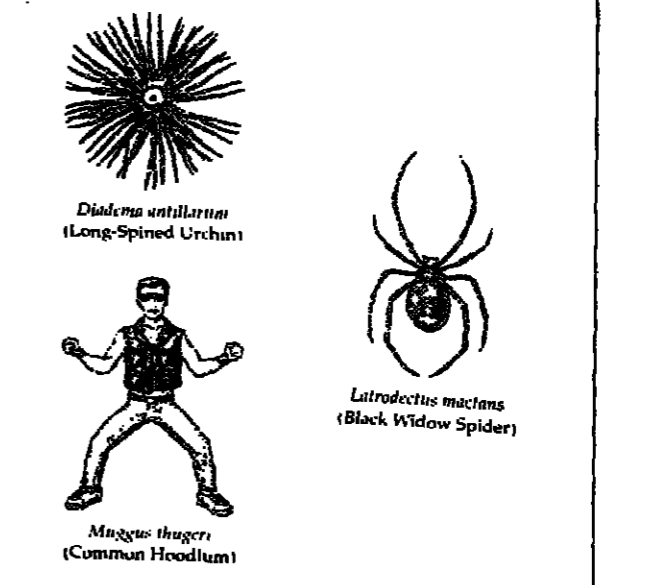
Paras pull out of Ulster

David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent

A BATTALION of the Parachute Regiment sent to Northern Ireland in the face of the province's worst security crisis in years will return to Aldershot today. The withdrawal of more than 500 men eight days after 1,000 extra troops were flown to Northern Ireland signals that security chiefs believe the violence triggered by events at the Drumcree Orange parade in Co Armagh is drawing to a close.

But there was little sign yesterday that the political situation was easing. The Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and the Irish foreign minister, Dick Spring, had a tense meeting in Belfast, while Unionist and nationalist politicians argued about last week's events.

Sir Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the RUC, will face a motion of no-confidence when the Police Authority for Northern Ireland meets on Friday. Sean Neeson, an Alliance Party whip and an authority member, said Sir Hugh must go after his handling of the crisis.



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Princess withdraws support from 100 good causes, but remains patron of six — largely metropolitan — groups

Charity begins at home as Diana cuts back

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

ABOUT 100 charities were yesterday dealt a blow bigger than anything the competition of the National Lottery has thrown at them when the Princess of Wales resigned as their patron.

Brian Roberts-Wray, chairman of the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers, said: "The potential positive effect for the half-dozen that she is staying with is probably substantially greater than the potential negative effect for the 100 she is giving up."

The six charities with which she is to continue are: the London homelessness charity Centrepoint; English National Ballet; The Leprosy Mission; the National Aids Trust; and Great Ormond Street children's hospital and the Royal Marsden cancer hospital, both in London.

'As I seek to reorganise my life, it will not be possible for me to provide you with the level of commitment that I believe you deserve'

Princess Diana



building the first children's hospices in South Wales. Last night it wrote to Princess Diana, pleading with her to reconsider. Dominic Jenkins, its chief executive, said: "The princess only became our pat-

Royal works

Top Patrons*	Number of Charities
The Queen.....	215
Prince of Wales.....	160
Queen Mother.....	150
Duke of Edinburgh.....	140
Princess of Wales.....	115 (now 6)
Princess Royal.....	105
Duke of York.....	30
Duchess of York.....	25
Prince Edward.....	20

* Patron or president, 1994. Source: Charities Aid Foundation

ron a year ago, but ever since our donations have increased dramatically." Vanessa Gould, spokeswoman for Turning Point, which works with people with drug, alcohol or mental health problems, said the charity had been surprised to get a resignation letter.

room at Kensington Palace to meet youngsters with learning disabilities or mental handicap. Roger Singleton, senior director of Barnardo's, the charity involved on that occasion and another of the unlucky 100, said yesterday: "The princess has often commanded mass attention when she speaks out on issues which affect children."

Syrian gives Oxford a £20m college

New business school to attract world's 'best and brightest'

Donald MacLeod, Education Correspondent

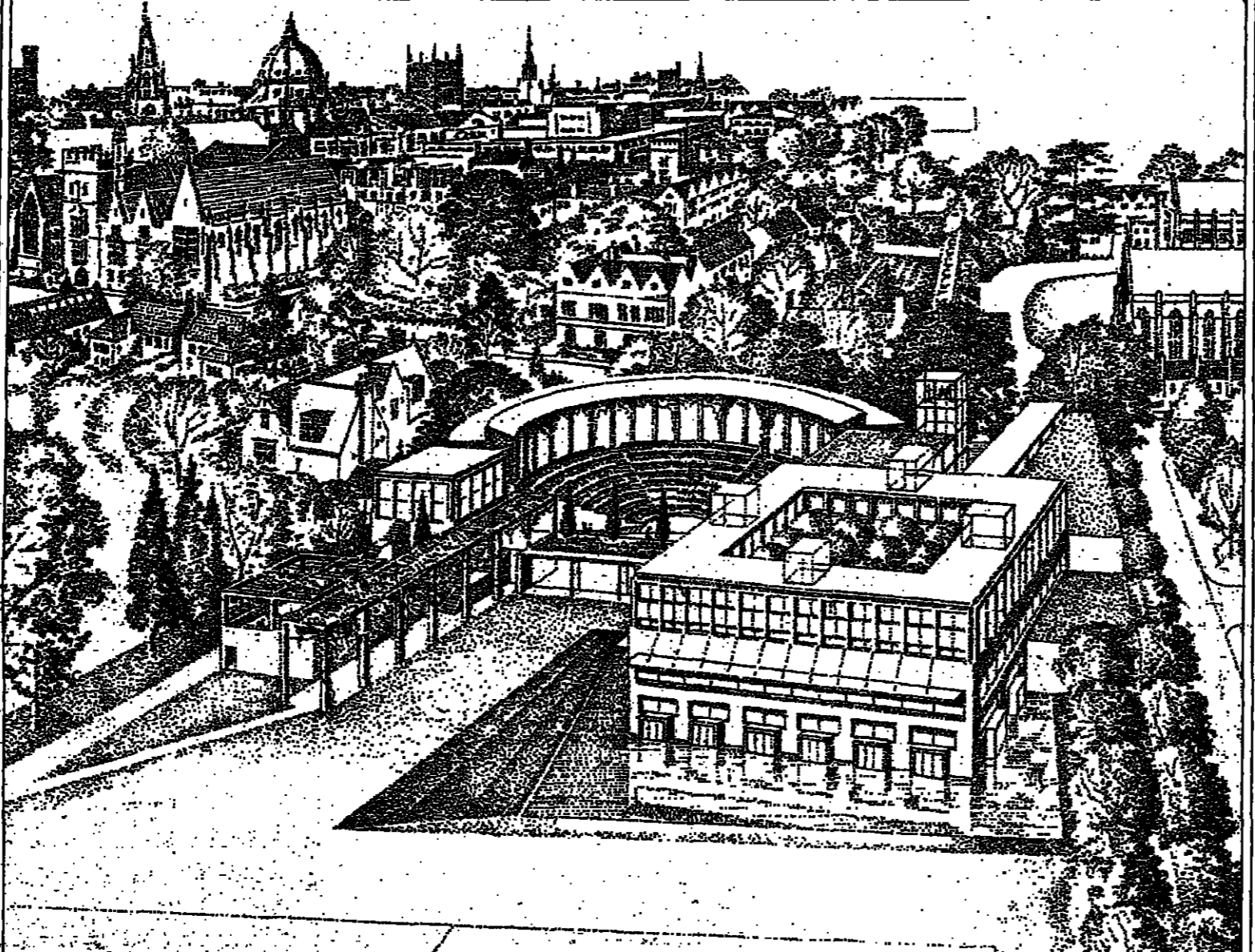
OXFORD University yesterday accepted its largest donation for more than half a century — £20 million for a business school — from a Syrian-born businessman.

Wafic Rida Said, an admirer of Lady Thatcher and friend of the former minister Jonathan Aitken, is immortalised by Oxford alongside other generous benefactors, said Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the university's chancellor.

The gift is the largest since Lord Nutfield gave £3 million in the 1930s. It is estimated £77 million at today's prices to promote medical science.

The new Oxford Business School will attract the "brightest and best" students and staff, offering a ground-study business leaders all over the world, said Mr Said, who will take a keen interest in the building planned for the centre of Oxford. It will be the latest in a list of construction projects that have made his name and fortune, notably in Saudi Arabia.

Mr Said admitted that he had never been to business school himself but the Oxford project was the culmination of an ambition. His father had founded Syria's first university in Damascus. "I come from a family and a culture that believes in education. I have spent many years in Britain and I admire this country. Management education plays a vital part in making a country competitive. This is a great opportunity for Oxford to spread its standards of excellence to this new sphere."



Artist's impression of the proposed Oxford Business School, which will immortalise university's benefactor for biggest donation in more than 50 years

Profile

Shy friend of Britain who lobbied for huge contracts

Owen Rowcott

WAFIC Said, a close business confidant of the Saudi Royal family, is a media-shy financier and construction magnate whose influence has been pivotal in sweetening relations between Britain and the Middle East.

It was his lobbying for the Al Yamamah arms contract, the largest defence deal ever signed, which secured orders worth billions of pounds for UK companies, such as British Aerospace, in the 1980s.



Wafic Said and Lord Jenkins at the announcement yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: DAVEN HENNING

Prince Sultan, a future minister of defence for Saudi Arabia. His career in banking began in Geneva, but he returned to London in 1967 to run several kebab restaurants in Kensington regularly patronised by Arab dignitaries.

After a few years, he sold up and moved to the Middle East where earlier contacts and links with another Syrian-born financier, Akram Ojfeh, increased his progress. He was awarded numerous construction con-

tracts for housing compounds, airports, power stations and hospitals, during oil boom years. Among past business interests was a 30 per cent holding in the British merchant bank Aitken Hume, founded by the Conservative MP Jonathan Aitken.

Nato threatens to use force in Karadzic arrest

Ian Black, Diplomatic Editor

NATO forces will retaliate against Bosnian Serbs if they try to stop any attempt to arrest Radovan Karadzic, the United States special envoy, Richard Holbrooke, warned yesterday as he raced against the clock to keep the Dayton peace process on track.

He was speaking in Sarajevo, en route for the Serbian capital Belgrade and a desperate attempt to persuade President Slobodan Milosevic to unseat Mr Karadzic, his former Bosnian protégé. He made clear that threats against United Nations police or the Nato-led force (I-For) in Bosnia were being taken seriously.

"If they take any action against I-For, they'll be met with swift military action," he said.

Mr Holbrooke has been summoned back from his job as a Wall Street investment banker by a Washington administration anxious to avoid a Balkan collapse, especially as the US presidential election nears.

In the past few days, Serb authorities have threatened to hold UN police officers hostage if an attempt is made to arrest Mr Karadzic or the Bosnian Serb military commander, General Ratko Mladic, both indicted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

The Serb sabre-rattling is intended to counter growing international pressure to capture Mr Karadzic to prevent him undermining free elec-

tions scheduled for September. Mr Holbrooke's mission has become highly urgent because campaigning cannot begin until Mr Karadzic has been deposed as leader of the Serb Democratic Party (SDS).

President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia yesterday warned that the Bosnian Muslims may boycott the elections if indicted Serb war criminals are allowed to take part.

Mr Karadzic has resisted pressure to resign as SDS president. The Dayton peace accord has suspects sought by the war crimes tribunal from public office.

Mr Milosevic is unlikely to surrender Mr Karadzic: he fears a backlash by nationalists and damaging testimony by Mr Karadzic about his own role in the Bosnian war.

Western diplomatic activity has also been galvanised by a desire to avoid a new row over a change to I-For's mandate or imposing economic sanctions on Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs.

France is already seeking a UN Security Council decision expressly authorising Nato forces to hunt down Mr Karadzic and others. The security council is to discuss this tomorrow. At the moment, Nato has said it will only swoop if it encounters suspects during routine patrols.

Bosnian Muslims appear to be fortifying a village in the north-east that should have been transferred to Serb control at the end of March, the UN said yesterday. A UN police patrol found Dugi Dio full of Muslim men of military age converting the area into a combat-ready zone.

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In his memoirs Jim Prior describes a party at Ted Heath's flat with Moura Lympany invited to perform. As the evening wore on, Lympany told a guest she wanted to play soon as she had another engagement. "So," Prior writes, "I had a word with Ted." How did the charming, fun-loving, music-making host react? "Tell her she can't play," he growled.

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4 BRITAIN

Shooting organisations appeal for cash to counter campaign to ban weapons launched by massacre victims' families

Gun groups to set up fighting fund

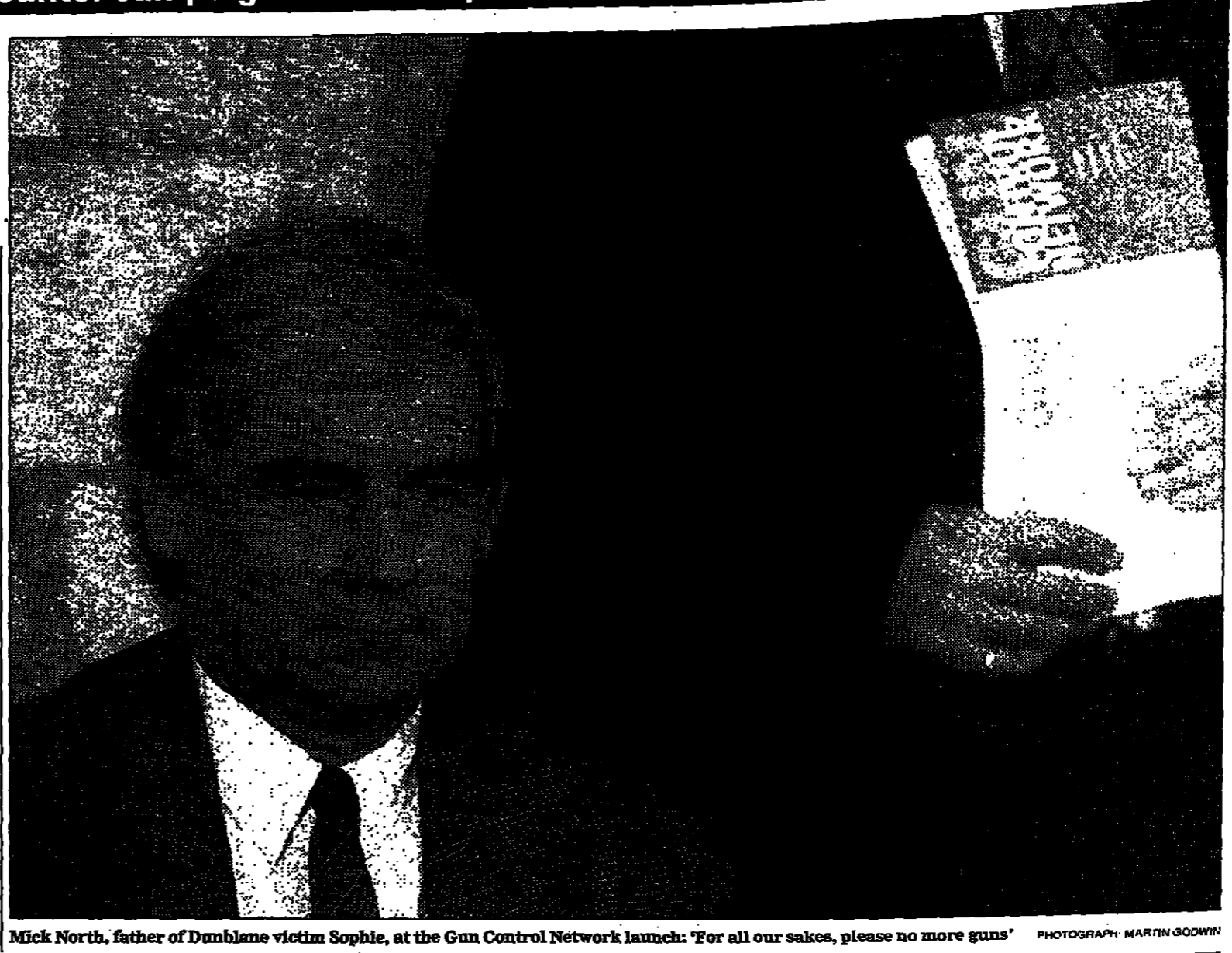
Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

SHOOTING organisations have launched a £25 a head appeal to finance a campaign to prevent a ban on handguns in the wake of the Dunblane massacre...

'You could see non-compliance with the new legislation on a massive scale'

'very significant progress on the banning of handguns' John Major confirmed yesterday that the Government has left open a 'legislative slot' should the inquiry recommend new laws.

said the Dunblane shootings had been a horrific reminder that despite politicians' promises only limited action had been taken. The Gun Control Network aims to secure a ban on handguns for all except the police and military...



Mick North, father of Dunblane victim Sophie, at the Gun Control Network launch: 'For all our sales, please no more guns' PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GOWEN

BBC staff anger at 'fat cat' director general's £35,000 pay rise

Andrew Cull Media Correspondent

THE BBC's chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, yesterday defended the corporation against accusations of executive pay greed after it was revealed that the director general, John Birt, received a 18 per cent salary increase.

Media salaries

- Michael Green, Carlton communications: £668,000 Peter Job, Reuters: £650,000 Michael Grade, Channel Four: £618,000 Lord Hollick, United News and Media: £589,000 Frank Barlow, Pearson: £567,000

cent of staff also received bonuses on top of their annual awards. Mr Birt received pension contributions of £20,000 in addition to his salary, but Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, received a total salary package of £618,000 last year.

aware, and replete with self-confident and dynamic management teams, set out various challenges for 1996/97. They included maintaining the impartiality and independence of the corporation in a general election year...

Highlights

- JOHN Birt gave his personal assessment of the BBC's programme highlights for 1995/96 in the annual report. Television: Factual: Death of Yugoslavia was the factual programme of the year...



Sitcom success... Men Behaving Badly, starring Caroline Quentin and Martin Clunes, was singled out for praise

- legacy of Smashie and Nacey, attracting 50 per cent of 15 to 24-year-olds; brought well-deserved recognition to Matthew Bannister for his boldness and good judgment and fortitude.

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ORDINARY ACCOUNT

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Spirit-beer mix 'a great danger'

James Melkie

AFTER lime wedges in bottles of foreign lager, exotically-packaged premium beers, all-in-one gin-tonics, alcopops — soft drinks laced with alcohol — and more adult-oriented spirit mixers, it is now time for "spirit beers" to cash in on the trend.

monitored trials of Arkanjel vodka beer and Kentucky Black bourbon beer, doctors and others campaigning against alcohol misuse said that the growing trend for mixer drinking could cause problems.

to avoid hurt to themselves and to others. "It is making spiking of drinks respectable. Lots of kids do it for a joke at parties but there is a great danger. You don't know how much you are drinking and can lose control of yourself."

manager for new product development at Whitbread, said: "The spirit is there to add to the flavour and provide the well-known 'spirit burn' the back of the throat sensation."

Judge rejects Domesday villages' plea on Stansted homes

James Melkie Community Affairs Editor

DOMESDAY Book villages could triple in size by housing workers from Britain's fastest growing airport after they failed in a High Court battle yesterday to save their "quintessentially English" way of life.

ing concern all over the county". The airport-related scheme was proposed six years ago when Uttlesford district council drew up a plan for the area taking into account the likely growth in Stansted.

But it was "wholly impractical", against the background of a valid inspector's report on an extensive and valid earlier inquiry, that the inspec-

tor at a future inquiry would recommend against the four-site strategy in the absence of "compelling new material" from the local residents.

Screen Derek Malcolm reviews the latest film releases every Thursday in The Guardian

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1 Yeltsin meets Gore amid fresh speculation over the Russian president's health	1 Princess of Wales resigns as patron of 100 charities
2 China general in Hong Kong to inspect British troops	2 Iceland: talks on political future resume
3 Ukrainian Prime Minister Lazaruk survives assassination attempt	3 Six Indian tourists abducted and killed in Kashmir
4 Serbia threaten NATO targets if Karadzic is arrested	4 Yeltsin makes first public appearance in weeks
5 Ireland: all party talks resume	5 Share prices on London stock exchange fall sharply
6 Australian sprinter denies drug charge	6 13-year-old boy arrested by police hunting killer of schoolgirl Jade Matthews

Listening around the world

Europe	4.5 million
FSU & SW Asia	0.5 million
Asia Pacific	4 million
The Americas	6 million
Middle East & Africa	13.5 million
South Asia	7.5 million
Listening in English	14.5 million
Listening in any other language	48 million

On the up
Global weekly audience figures

1992	120m
1993	124m
1994	130m
1995	133m
1996	140m

Proud symbol's days are numbered



Andrew Culf on the long and bitter struggle between modernisers and traditionalists for the soul of a globally respected institution

THE days of Bush House, the central London landmark that has symbolised the proud international reputation of the World Service for more than 50 years, are numbered.

World Service, headed for the Radio Festival in Birmingham, is an attempt to lower the temperature.

In simple terms it is an argument over whether the World Service should retain its own news operation or be integrated in the BBC's domestic news machine.

Yesterday, Mr Hall left little room for doubt: "The integration of BBC News and World Service news will allow all BBC journalists to build the strongest force in news across the globe."

The two sides had been sniping at each other all week. The campaign to save the World Service mounted by Bush House staff had already won the support of nearly 1,500 staff and more than 170 MPs.

Mr Tusa took to Radio 4's airwaves yesterday to condemn the "absolutely terrifying ignorance" of the BBC's bosses. He upstaged Sir Christopher Blundell, the BBC's chairman, who appeared 40 minutes later accusing Mr Tusa of being three years out of date.

The BBC's news editors propelled the story on to last night's headline agenda. An hour before he took to the stage at the Radio Festival, the World at One presenter, Nick Clarke, secured a public admission from Mr Younger that he had considered resignation over the changes.

He knew about them just



The many faces of the World Service... Specialist knowledge and skills in bringing international news in 42 languages to an audience of 140 million worldwide



Skills, knowledge and dedication will be jettisoned

The following is an edited version of a statement yesterday to the Commons select committee on foreign affairs by John Tusa, former managing director of the BBC World Service.

warning, prior consultation, or subsequent explanation, threaten to do irreparable damage to this institution. I urge delay and consultation.

There will be no penalty, either financial or competitive, in such a delay, beyond loss of face for some. There are some reasons why so many feel uneasy.

First, the World Service is a universally acknowledged success as it stands. Audiences have increased over a



John Tusa

loosened from domestic radio, the better the World Service network has suited the needs of its audience, and the more the audience has responded by listening.

Second, do not believe those who urge restructuring on the grounds that the BBC cannot afford duplicate newsrooms. The World Service newsroom has never duplicated Domestic News.

The BBC's journalism is a specialist centre dedicated solely to "international news from a global perspective". Domestically-originated international news is "international news from a British perspective". There is nothing wrong with that for a domestic audience; the global audience does not want it.

Third, last week's so-called concession under which World Service News and Current Affairs remains at Bush

House merely allows the present situation to continue — with one supreme disadvantage. Under the managerial control of central BBC news and current affairs at TV centre, the World Service newsroom will have to apply to them for the news they deliver by themselves under existing structures. Another layer of bureaucracy and costs will be added.

The 42 language services depend for their quality and programme vitality, not just on their daily relationship with World Service news but with the whole corpus of World Service English-language script-writing and programme-making. Take those programmes from Bush House and the language services become mere translation agencies for a remote and unaccountable programme factory.

The expertise of the language services informed the output of the English language programming. Did you want an expert on Somalia, Burma, Russia, or Nigeria? There were dozens in the building, in the canteen, or only a floor away. This relationship will be broken, and probably charged for, if current BBC management practices are applied. It is this interconnection of broadcasting skills, specialist area knowledge, and a culture of dedication to the needs of a global audience that the BBC changes will destroy.

If the BBC has a case and can prove it, then let it be made openly, publicly, and persuasively, rather than secretly, privately, and arbitrarily. The World Service should not be abolished with the casual flick of a management consultant's word processor.

and separate commissioning from production.

The World Service's foreign language services would be left untouched but English, drama and education programmes would be commissioned from BBC Production, a new directorate serving domestic radio networks.

English language news and current affairs programmes would be commissioned from BBC News, the directorate which makes domestic news programmes.

Mr Hall confirmed yesterday that a dedicated World Service news team will remain an integrated unit within BBC News.

Programmes for World Service will be commissioned by Bob Jobbins, a Bush House veteran, and the new team will be led by Ian Hoare, edi-

My World Service

John McCarthy presents
Quotek on the World Service:
In the summer of 1993 I became a dedicated fan of the World Service. I had been held hostage in Lebanon for two years and had received no news from the outside world. Suddenly a barren cell in the Bekaa valley became alive with the news, views and cultures of the whole planet.

I kept the first time I heard the signature tune and the words "This is the World Service of the BBC broadcasting from London". It gave me and my fellow hostages a real reason for keeping going.

We would listen, radio pressed tight against the ear, around the clock, for-

ever marvelling at the range and depth of the programmes coming to us.

When I started working at Bush House earlier this year I began to appreciate how the World Service creates this remarkable output. There is a terrific buzz of excitement in the building to report impartially on the world's affairs. When I heard of the planned separation of the English and foreign language services I was angry, but more stunned.

I feel that the decision to tear apart this remarkable institution has been taken without an iota of the understanding that goes into every minute of World Service broadcasting.

World Service works well and does not need to change. But Sir Christopher insisted: "Every single person would like to leave the World Service as it is. It is simply not an option. To do that would be... irresponsible."

Anger at 'fat cat' pay rise, page 4; Leader comment, page 5; Denis Healey and John Peel, page 6

The changes will help journalism to thrive at the BBC

Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News, puts the case for the proposals.

grow? We must meet head-on the challenge of changing technologies and a phenomenally competitive broadcasting environment.

The BBC's journalism has to be prepared for this future. The other great challenge for us is funding. The licence fee is pegged to inflation. And many of our costs are rising beyond that rate. So to carry on doing what we are currently doing — let alone adapt to a new environment — we



Tony Hall

unprecedented pressure as a result of reductions in funding from the Government.

To ensure we meet those twin challenges is the strategic reason why BBC News was formed five weeks ago. Take the core of our foreign enterprise: its ability to report the world. By putting together the domestic and World Service news-gathering operations, the BBC is playing to one of its unique strengths.

Our correspondents are based everywhere it matters. Now we will be able to deploy them more effectively and expand our network of bureaux.

Combining our operations will be more efficient. We can eliminate duplication on the logistical side and ensure we send the right number of reporters on stories.

This will make real savings. We need those saving

because our aim is simple: to get more people into the field to ensure that the BBC's journalism thrives.

Yesterday we announced how we intend to do this. A senior World Service journalist will manage all our foreign bureaux and will be responsible for ensuring that World Service news and programme-making get the stories they want, in the form they want.

In addition, we are bringing together all our foreign affairs correspondents and analysts — from the World Service and domestic news and current affairs — into one powerful, specialist unit.

There are three other ways in which BBC News will serve the world audience. Firstly, the World Service daily news operation will be a separate team in BBC News working under the editorship of a long-serving World Ser-

vice journalist. Secondly, we are creating a new unit bringing together specialist programme makers from the World Service and domestic radio and television to produce programming about world affairs. And, finally, our plans to launch a 24-hour television news channel for Britain will be integrated with the BBC World television operation.

I am certain this merger will bring benefits because I have been here before. Nine years ago our domestic television and radio journalism were brought together.

We created a single news-gathering operation across radio and television and extended our presence around the world. And we developed domestic expertise through our specialists here. The fruits of this you hear daily on the radio.

Lord Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1990-91:

The religious ingredient in international affairs is sometimes gravely underestimated by politicians and news vendors; but not by Bush House. The BBC World Service has built up the skills and experience necessary to address a wide variety of audiences. With its excellent religious education series, on Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, the World Service has done a great deal to break down the barriers between religions.

The chief interests of our domestic religious programme-making are at best exploratory, at worst trivial. The World Service chiefly addresses audiences where religion is perceived in a very different way.

During my 10 years as

Archbishop of Canterbury, I came to depend heavily on Bush House for briefings on all my overseas travels.

Each Christmas and Easter I used to address Christians in places where there was very little if any religious freedom, and it was the World Service to whom I went first for guidance.

The thing that impressed me again and again was the availability of people in the World Service with whom I could sit down and talk to intelligently before framing my words very carefully.

The World Service perspective was — and is — of great importance. I have grave doubts about how that would be maintained against the pressures of a domestic service which will have a different agenda, with quite different perspectives and pressures.

'The BBC Portuguese Service broadcast teaches me a lot. It is a shining light in a world full of darkness, lies and exploitation. Through you I learn, although I am always silent, to respect those who want freedom and fight injustice. You help me to hope that one day I will see a peaceful world.'
— listener in Angola

'You broadcast to the world without fear or favour. You are always ahead of other international radio organisations in reporting important events.'
— listener in Nigeria

'Sitting in the basement of what used to be a house, and frantically scrolling along the scale of my treasured radio receiver, I managed to find you... Apart from providing us with up to date information you give us those sweet minutes when I can still listen to my favourite musical programmes and forget about the reality around us.'
— listener in Grozny

'We always tune to listen to what is happening in Nigeria because the state-owned radios do not tell us the truth about the situation in the country.'
— listener in Nigeria

'I am a blind man. Neither the TV or the newspapers are of any use to me. I was introduced to the BBC two years ago, and since then I have never stopped listening. Once a discarded man, today I am sought after with respect by my neighbours for international news, thanks to the BBC.'
— listener in Malaysia

Expert condemns 'untested theories' denying climate change • Germany's green shoots of recovery 'may wither'

Global warming debate heats up

Paul Brown in Geneva

THE chairman of the body of 1,000 scientists which concluded that man is dangerously altering the earth's climate yesterday rounded on scientists supported by the fossil-fuel lobby who have been trying to rubbish their work.

Speaking at the climate convention in Geneva, Bert Bolin urged journalists not to listen to individual scientists whose theories had not been tested, and whose motives appeared dubious.

The Geneva conference, now in its second week, has become the focus of fierce debate and politicking as it tries to agree stricter targets for cutting carbon emissions under the 1992 United Nations Climate Change Convention signed in Rio de Janeiro.

Mr Bolin said that ever since his group of scientists concluded that man was discernibly altering the climate, a campaign had been waged against their findings.

Picking up the three volumes containing the 1,900 pages of reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), he said: "This is the work of 1,000 scientists, reviewed, revised, and reviewed again. There is no compromise in one or other direction. Do not trust any individual scientists, not even me; look at the work of all these, a balanced view."

"We utterly reject accusations and allegations made against us. We have completely and carefully done our work. It is the best science on climate the world has to offer. I stake my reputation and honour that it is so."

Dozens of stories leading credibility to dubious science have been fed to newspapers

Clean energy 'can be cheap'

MASS production is the key to switching the world from coal and oil to clean energy, industrial groups told the environment conference this week.

The United States and European Business Councils said the change to renewable energy would not cause economic hardship — despite warnings from the oil lobby.

"The products are already in the market. The only reason they are not cheap is that they are not produced in mass like current energy," said Harry Lehmann, the head of systems analysis at Germany's Wuppertal Institute for Energy and the Environment.

He said seven available clean technologies could cover all energy needs. These are: biomass (producing heat from wood chips and plants); solar architecture; wind; hydro; solar; solar heating; photovoltaic energy (conversion of solar power into electricity); and centralised solar plants in cities. — AP.

In the last few weeks, in the lead-up to the Second Conference of the Parties (COP2), The Global Climate Coalition, representing big coal, oil and chemical industries, was handing out cuttings from papers including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal at the door of the conference.

Mr Bolin, a Swede, said: "We are not afraid of scientific debate, in fact we want it, but we want it in the scientific journals, in properly drawn-up arguments based

on data. This is not an argument that can be conducted in newspapers."

Sir John Houghton, former head of the Meteorological Office and co-chairman of an IPCC working group, criticised a book by John Emsley of Imperial College, London, who had concluded that global warming was not happening. He described some of the arguments as "pathetic and not capable of standing up to serious scientific scrutiny."

He said the work had not been tested, and that Mr Emsley was a serious chemist, but not a serious climate scientist.

Patrick Michaels, a professor from the University of Virginia, who is not one of the IPCC's 1,000 scientists, gave a news conference yesterday in Geneva in which he said climate change was a threat. Sir John said of him: "You must not take any one scientist's evidence, particularly one that has a political message attached to it."

The battle between the scientists was mirrored in the political meetings. Reports were being finalised for the heavyweight politicians to consider when they arrive at the conference today.

A resolution demanding that the IPCC's report should be used as a basis for urgent action to implement new measures to combat climate change was resisted by oil and coal-rich countries. They asked for the scientists' assessment merely to be "taken into account".

No consensus was reached. Eleven of the 150 countries present objected to "urgent action". They included the largest oil and coal producers — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, Oman, Nigeria, the United Arab Emirates, Syria, Qatar and China.



Boys leap playfully into the harbour of Sevastopol, Ukraine, to cool down during a heatwave which has engulfed the region. PHOTOGRAPH: SERGEI VOLKOV

Scientists in the dark as Black Forest confounds prophets of doom

There were shrill warnings of an evergreen cemetery, but Germany's trees are thriving, writes Rick Atkinson in Freiburg

THE Black Forest was considered all but dead by the German press and in the public imagination a dozen years ago.

Newspaper headlines, television documentaries and environmentalists warned that the legendary woodland — covering nearly a million acres in south-western Germany — was in the grip of ecological calamity. Pollutants and climatic changes were creating an "evergreen cemetery".

"Germany without forests — it's unimaginable," one magazine warned in 1983. "And yet this will soon be the case. Do our pine trees have to die?"

asked the newspaper *Esslinger Zeitung* in March 1982. Hermann Graf Hatzfeldt, a leading forester, wrote in 1982: "The forest is on its deathbed."

Yet today it is clear, to paraphrase Mark Twain, that despite some lingering concerns, rumours of the forest's death were premature. Not only is the Black Forest marvellously verdant but like forests across most of Europe — it is growing faster than ever.

"Since we began measuring the forest, more than 100 years ago, there's never been a higher volume of wood per acre than there is now," said Heinrich Spiecker, director of the Institute for Forest Growth at the University of Freiburg.

Similarly, a new study by the European Forest Institute in Finland reports that "an increasing growth trend has been observed in the southern regions of northern Europe, in most regions of central Europe and in some parts of southern Europe."

"If you'd asked scientists five years ago," Mr Spiecker added, "nobody would have believed it."

Still, all is not well, either in the forest or among forestry experts trying to understand the environmental complexities at play. Scientists disagree about the health of the German woods. The government's 1995 report estimates that 22 per cent of the trees show signs of damage, defined as suffering the loss of one-quarter of all needles or leaves.

Even those who are relatively sanguine about the situation acknowledge that the misplaced hysteria of the early 1980s had a "cry wolf" effect by deflating public interest in forest ecology. A Forsa Institute

'In more than 100 years there's never been a higher volume of wood per acre than now'

poll in 1993 found that only 3 per cent of the Germans surveyed believed forest death to be a leading ecological concern.

Mr Hatzfeldt, whose books in the 1980s included *The Forest Is Dying*, claim "On one hand, the claim

that the forest would die helped stir a lot of concern, because for us it's so deeply embedded in history and culture and the psyche of people. At the same time, I feel that we have overdone it, and a bit of the callousness and carelessness about the forest today is the result of over-excitement 10 years ago."

The Black Forest's startling growth — 20 to 30 per cent more wood volume than a few decades ago — probably reflects nitrogen increases in tree diets, foresters say. But whether that is good or bad in the long run remains uncertain.

Mystical attachment to the deep woods is a prominent theme in German Romanticism.

Alarmism about the woods is nearly as old as the trees themselves. A century ago, the author Hans

Jakob quoted a landowner as warning: "If things keep on going the way they're going, we'll soon be able to change the name to the Bald Forest."

But hysteria was high in the early 1980s. Thousands of counters in the Black Forest showed clear signs of stress, with an unsightly yellowing and substantial needle loss.

"Yellow death hovers over the sick forests," one headline warned.

From 1984 to 1994, the federal and state governments spent \$250 million trying to stabilise damaged areas.

Although researchers variously suspected ozone depletion or the sulphur in acid rain, Mr Spiecker now believes "that weather is the key factor, although I cannot prove it". Cool, wet weather — good conifer-growing conditions — from

1960 to 1970 was followed by a warm, dry spell beginning in the mid-1970s.

"The woods reacted badly," he said, "shedding needles to minimise transpiration" or vapourisation through leaves. Tree

'Honest people will admit that they don't fully understand what's happening'

corpses, spindly litters and storn needles littered the forest.

But the anticipated calamity never happened. Mr Spiecker also points out that the Black Forest, like many ecosystems, is constantly changing. Whereas

firs once dominated — lending the forest a dark, brooding countenance that gave it its name — spruce trees are now equally common.

Also deciduous trees such as beech, oak, maple and ash have declined.

The recent growth spurt is mystifying. One apparent factor is the gradual encroachment of recent decades of "litter-raking" — farmers scraping up fallen needles, leaves and underbrush to fertilise fields.

Although chastened by their earlier false alarms, German environmentalists still voice disquiet.

Mr Hatzfeldt cautioned: "Honest people will admit they don't fully understand what's happening. If we were not entirely right about the forest dying, we were not wrong. It's just that everything's a bit more complicated." — Washington Post.

Asbestos forces students out

Paul Webster in Paris

ABOUT 40,000 university students and 10,000 staff will start leaving Jussieu on Paris's Left Bank before the end of the year following a presidential order to close the city's biggest campus indefinitely because of asbestos contamination.

It has taken 20 years of protest to force an official reaction to asbestos poisoning in the 26 high-rise blocks that jointly make up Paris VI and Paris VII universities, but the evacuation deadline has

raised threats of a revolt by students with nowhere to go.

France's president, Jacques Chirac, said during his Bastille Day press conference that Paris VI and VII must be evacuated, but did not say where the students would go.

Decontamination work, which could take several years, has already started and thousands of students will have to find emergency lecture rooms for the autumn term, which is regularly troubled by demonstrations over poor facilities.

The urgency to evacuate the campus has been fuelled

by fears of a political scandal over official neglect similar to the HIV-contaminated blood transfusions that contributed to the defeat of the Socialists in 1993.

There are also allegations of pressure to develop the prime site for luxury flats.

An education ministry mission is being set up to explain the \$10-million decontamination programme and discuss possible alternative accommodation in a conference centre on the Right Bank.

But the universities' presidents are ready to encourage resistance and demand renova-

tion to avoid mass evacuation or a postponed deadline.

Jean Lemerle, head of Paris VI, said early closure amounted to a death warrant. Professors at Paris VII warned of uncontrollable student protests with dramatic consequences.

Michel Parigot, head of Jussieu's anti-asbestos committee, said teaching staff are angry because it will be impossible to relocate laboratories in such a short time.

Local shopkeepers and cafe owners, 90 per cent of whose customers are students, said they face bankruptcy.

Ukraine prime minister survives car bomb 'assassination plot'

James Meek in Moscow

UKRAINE'S new prime minister, Pavlo Lazarenko, survived an apparent assassination attempt yesterday when a bomb exploded in Kiev as he headed for talks in the strikebound Donbass region.

Mr Lazarenko was not seriously hurt and later flew to the eastern city of Donetsk, where he was due to meet coal industry executives and representatives of striking miners.

Two cars, one carrying the prime minister and one his escort, were damaged by the explosion, which gouged out a crater three feet deep in the road. The bomb, thought to have been detonated by remote control, went off just as the cars were about to cross a bridge across the river Dniester.

Political violence has been virtually unknown in Ukraine since it declared its independence from Moscow

five years ago, and government sources could only speculate vaguely that "certain forces" were reacting against Mr Lazarenko's attempts to end the coal dispute, in which miners are demanding unpaid wages.

Mr Lazarenko told deputies last week that even if the government diverted every penny it received in taxes to paying off unpaid wages and pensions, it would still take two months. However, an agreement to pay the miners by mid-September was signed in Kiev yesterday.

Mr Lazarenko is reported to be one of the former Soviet republic's wealthiest people, with big interests in the gas and alcohol industries.

Like his patron, President Leonid Krushchyn, he hailed from the Dnepropetrovsk region. Some observers believe that Kiev has become the arena for a power struggle for control of Ukraine between the business and political elites of Dnepropetrovsk and Donetsk.

News in brief

Raids to stop child labour

Pakistan, faced with scathing international criticism and threats of trade sanctions, has ordered local authorities to raid factories employing child labour, a government minister said yesterday.

The labour minister, Ghulam Akhtar Lasi, has ordered the north-eastern town of Sialkot, where sports goods are made, to conduct raids and arrest contractors found employing children. — Reuters.

Sailor suspect

A man with a knife slashed the throat of Kaori Tanigawa, a Japanese woman in south-western Japan, yesterday. A news report said an American sailor was being questioned in the case and had denied any involvement. — AP.

Teenage genius

A Romanian has beaten 429 teenagers from 75 countries to top the 37th International Mathematical Olympiad, the contest's organisers said in

Tunnel gang jailed

A Berlin court yesterday sentenced five men to between six and 15 years in jail for their part in last year's "tunnel robbery", writes Dennis Staunton in Berlin. A gang forced its way into a bank in a Berlin suburb last year, held 16 customers hostage for more than 18 hours, and stole more than \$4 million.

Refugees vanish

About 2,000 Sudanese refugees have disappeared from a camp in northern Uganda after nearly 100 were killed by Christian fundamentalist rebels last week, a senior Ugandan defence ministry official said. — Reuters.

Pilot surrenders

An MiG-21 jet fighter of the rebel Taliban militia landed at Bagram airbase north of Kabul yesterday and its pilot surrendered to government forces. — Reuters.

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YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

Isias Nkejemuto's wife and four children died in the 1994 genocide. Now the fear is back, writes Chris McGreal in Kigali

Rwandan killers target witnesses

SIAS Nkejemuto had reconciled himself to the perpetual torment of memory since Rwanda's genocidal fury consumed his wife and four of his children, two years ago. But he hardly expected the nightmare to return, banging on his door.

The terror crept back late one night last month to a small community of Tutsi survivors in Bunyamanza, a small settlement in the western province of Kibuye. Dozens of Hutu extremists went from house to house, shooting and hacking. Before the army arrived, 16 Tutsis were murdered.

Mr Nkejemuto and the rest of the Tutsis fled their homes for the capital, Kigali.

Once again they are refugees in their own land, running from the Hutu militia-men, the *interahamwe*, they

thought were crushed two years ago.

The attack on Bunyamanza was one of a rising tide of assaults on genocide survivors, who have been shot, decapitated or poisoned. Last month 28 Tutsis were murdered in a single raid just across Rwanda's border with the refugee camps in Goma, Zaire. Five of the dead were children. A few days earlier, Hutu extremists struck close to the capital, wiping out an entire family of genocide survivors, including grandparents and young children.

Many more have fled in the face of threats. Nearly 300 from just two communes are camped out with Mr Nkejemuto at a community centre in Kigali.

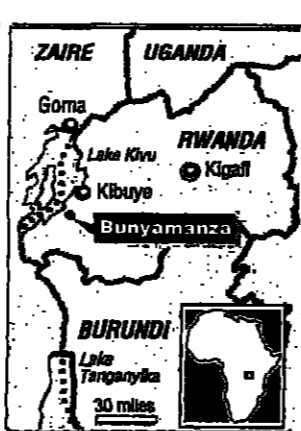
Some assaults appear to be an attempt to finish what was started in 1994; others are to discourage homeless Tutsis

from occupying property abandoned by Hutus. But Mr Nkejemuto is among those who believe the raids are mainly aimed at silencing witnesses to the genocide.

"When we came home after the genocide we were amazed to see some of the killers were still here. They were living openly. But we went to the authorities. We exposed these men. That is why we have a problem," he said.

Before the genocide, Kibuye had the highest concentration of Tutsis in Rwanda. It also had one of the Hutus' most effective killing machines. Only a few thousand survive of the 250,000 Tutsis who once lived in Kibuye. Mr Nkejemuto is among them.

Clement Kayishema, Kibuye's former governor, is the highest official of the old regime in the custody of the international tribunal, facing



trial for genocide and murder. Crucial evidence is provided by survivors who saw him shoot into crowds of Tutsi refugees hunted down on a hillside. This year dozens of these witnesses

'We were asleep when the place was surrounded. They started cutting people with axes and shooting. It was just like two years ago'

ing to an organised slaughter. In other cases, victims were decapitated and their heads carried off, perhaps so the killers could prove they had done their work.

"In the past few weeks witnesses have been less willing to come forward," said Alain Sigg, an international tribunal representative in Kigali. "We're deeply concerned."

Before the raid on Bunyamanza, Tutsis there had suffered weeks of intimidation. Mr Nkejemuto and his three children were among 14 Tutsi families, or what remained of them, who settled there. Most of their homes had been destroyed, so they moved into houses abandoned by Hutus.

At first their property was stolen. Then anonymous notes arrived, warning them to get out. The army arrested Kayishema, a hit-list of five names was recovered, point-

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Timorese find little to cheer

Twenty years of Indonesian rule have brought scant benefits to Dili, John Aglionby in Jakarta reports

THERE will be few indigenous East Timorese among the crowds gathering outside the governor's office in the capital, Dili, today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Indonesia's annexation of the former Portuguese colony.

For while Jakarta maintains that the vast majority of the population wants to be integrated into Indonesia, the reality is not so clear cut.

Since President Suharto declared the region Indonesia's 27th province on July 17, 1976, Jakarta has assigned more than 2535 million to develop East Timor, and the area is undoubtedly much better off. But little aid has reached the 750,000 East Timorese. In the past two decades, up to 150,000 have died from fighting, starvation and disease. Outsiders have the best jobs and unemployment is rife.

The 5,000 troops there are ostensibly to quell the couple of hundred armed insurgents of Fretilin, the Revolutionary Front for the Independence of East Timor. But that is just a facade, according to Indonesian analysts. "They get a lot of funding to be there and are concerned about the threat posed by urban, unemployed youths," said one.

"These Timorese do not know anything but life dominated by Indonesian soldiers. They have not benefited from development programmes. They want independence, or much greater autonomy."

It is the military approach to development that is the source of the tension, according to diplomats. "If the military was more imaginative it would realise that by withdrawing the troops and allowing the East Timorese to govern themselves, much of the opposition would be dissipated," a foreign envoy said.

East Timor's military com-

mander, Colonel Mahidin Simbolon, claimed recently that most of the population appreciated the soldiers' help with development programmes. "Those who do not like the army's presence are the anti-integration groups, especially intellectuals. They have been to the villages. They don't know the suffering of the people."

In May he announced that 1,200 troops would be removed, but independent sources say the figure was nearer 200. "Some soldiers were withdrawn, but at the first sign of trouble most were brought back," one said.

The youths' campaign to keep East Timor in the international spotlight centres on protests there and climbing into foreign embassies in Jakarta at politically sensitive moments to seek asylum.

Since December 1992, the Portuguese have been holding talks with Indonesia under the auspices of the United Nations, which does not recognise Jakarta's sovereignty over East Timor, "but scant progress has been made."

"While Indonesia wants to resolve the situation, it is not prepared to give any concessions or change its approach to development," the diplomat said. "It sees East Timor as an integral part of the country and refuses to hold a referendum on the province's future. It is not the foreign minister, Ali Alatas, who controls Jakarta's policy on East Timor, but the military."

Most Western countries are too concerned about losing trade contracts to complain vociferously about Jakarta's occupation. This happened to the Dutch after they withdrew aid following the massacre of 50 civilians in a Dili cemetery in 1991.

British direct investment in Indonesia last year alone totalled \$4.3 billion. And Australia, while condemning Jakarta's abuses in East Timor, recognises its sovereignty.

But if further proof were needed that the situation is not as rosy as Jakarta makes out, when the Indonesian national commission for human rights opened an office in Dili this month, more than 100 complainants came on the first day.



Major-General Liu Zhenwu (left), the future commander, with Major-General Bryan Dutton inspecting the troops in Hong Kong. PHOTOGRAPH BY VINCENT YU

China's army chief sees honour guard in Hong Kong

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

MORE than 150 years after their unhappy encounter in the opium war, Chinese and British generals yesterday exchanged their first salutes in Hong Kong to a bagpipe lament at the Prince of Wales barracks.

Major-General Liu Zhenwu, commander of the "red first regiment" that will move into Hong Kong on July 1 next year, reviewed an honour guard of the 1st Battalion of Royal Gurkha Rifles.

The arrival of Gen Liu for a three-day visit begins the formal countdown to a military takeover that, in 349 days, will finally avenge China's defeat in 1941.

Britain and China have been squabbling behind closed doors about the size of an advance guard Beijing wants to send to Hong Kong to prepare for the arrival of some 10,000 troops of the People's Liberation Army.

Hong Kong's post-1997 constitution promises that the PLA will "not interfere in local affairs" but Deng Xiaoping has warned that China will use force to halt "turmoil".

Some Hong Kong residents are worried about the PLA's business judgment. Gen Liu will receive a monthly salary of only 1,200 yuan (about \$100), less than a third of the minimum for domestic servants.

Old guard secures the future for Vietnam's new rich

Nick Cunningham-Bruce in Ho Chi Minh City

THE smiling receptionist of Long Hai Company in Ho Chi Minh City is not all she seems. Elegantly attired in a traditional Vietnamese gown, she looks every inch the mature secretary, but she is trained to deliver a nasty kick and a fatal chop.

Such skills are a prerequisite for all the employ-

ees of Vietnam's only private security company. Set up six months ago, it is a new ingredient in an intriguing Vietnamese cocktail that blends elements of its dour communist past and the effervescent entrepreneurship long suppressed in the south.

Gleaming skyscraper offices are springing up in the centre of what was formerly Saigon. A rash of costly villas is spreading through smart suburbs.

Vietnam's Communist Party leaders are committed, in principle, to market-oriented economic reform, but are in two minds about the benefits.

In principle, there is nothing wrong in being rich, the party says. But in the smaller community of the capital Hanoi, in the north, the rich feel uncomfortably exposed to the envious, or possibly censorious, gaze of hidebound ideological martlets.

Even in Ho Chi Minh City, where incomes are more than four times the national average, it is not only unreconstructed capitalists that are setting the pace. The pro-communist boss of a privately-owned textiles factory has just imported Vietnam's first Rolls-Royce.

A company set up by the culture industry is behind a new bowling alley which serves Coca-Cola, Carlsberg and Western rock music to

a crowd of young wannabe tycoons.

The advent of such prosperity has opened the way for the Long Hai security company. Its boss is Major-General Phan Van Xuan, aged 72, a veteran of Vietnam's shadowy internal security service who was a bodyguard to Ho Chi Minh.

"Because of economic changes there are new crimes. We opened this company to give confidence to foreign investors and

wealthy Vietnamese," he says.

For about \$5.20 an hour, Long Hai Security provides a martial arts-trained bodyguard. A 24-hour security guard service to factories and other premises costs \$450 a month.

In six months, the company has doubled its security guards to 100 and Gen Xuan is thinking of opening a branch in Hanoi and expanding into private investigation.



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The World disservice

The BBC's myopic plans should be halted

JOHN BIRT has made an awful mistake and should admit it. The BBC's takeover of its World Service offshoot is an act of cultural vandalism which should be rescinded forthwith.

English language side of the World Service - even if, this time round, some of the key posts will go to the World Service personnel who - now they have decided not to resign - have convinced themselves that the new system (including the BBC's byzantine internal market) can be made to work.

Whatever the shortcomings of the BBC however, the Government remains the main villain because of savage cuts in the budget of an organisation which should be benefitting from some of the savings made by the post-Cold War reductions in defence spending.

Sure, it brings in no revenues. Like blood, it is one of those things that an altruistic Britain gives away for free: but it has an influence on world affairs that is impossible to price, as countless people, including Terry Waite, Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama and ex-President Gorbachev would attest to. It is successful because it knows its audience and isn't distracted by other factors.

Rupert Murdoch's tax problem

His companies don't like paying up: it's time they learned

ENOCH POWELL used to say that as a citizen he looked forward every year to paying his taxes. Not so Rupert Murdoch. As our investigation yesterday showed, Mr Murdoch's News Corporation paid a meagre £76 million in taxes on profits of £793 million.

Murdoch press to embark on a new and highly-popular campaign for which its global reach makes it uniquely qualified: persuading corporations to pay their "fair" share of tax.

Rupert Murdoch is no ordinary citizen. He runs newspapers around the world, which regularly tear people and governments apart when they depart from what his papers regard as proper public behaviour.

Peace must never take a holiday

MPs should think very carefully before taking theirs

WHEN is a crisis not a crisis? When it's the summer holidays. Northern Ireland is enduring by far its most serious summer for many years.

also exactly the days when politicians need to be on hand, working at it until they have got it right.

In his Panorama interview on Monday, John Major called on Northern Ireland's representatives to "try and try and try again to get the settlement we need".

Everyone needs a holiday, and politicians are no different from the rest of us in that respect. Moreover, constructive talking is not easy in Northern Ireland right now.



Letters to the Editor

The wars of the sexes

DONNA COVEY'S article (Why Kamlesh Bahl must go, July 16) conveyed some misleading impressions about the Equal Opportunities Commission.

The EOC was established to achieve equality for both women and men and has a proud history of challenging sex discrimination wherever it exists.

These changes are reflected amongst members of the Opportunity 2000 campaign. Policies and practices designed to enable people to balance work and home more effectively are now open equally to women and men.

Historically, and today, the bulk of discrimination is still against women and that is where the EOC focuses most of its resources - in key areas such as part-time work, sexual harassment, pensions, pregnancy and maternity, childcare, education and training.

The aims of the EOC haven't changed: the job market has. Surely the fact that increasing numbers of men are now using the EOC to voice their concerns demonstrates that the work of not only the EOC but also organisations like Opportunity 2000 is bearing fruit.

ONE cannot but be surprised at the intemperance of what is clearly a very personalised attack on Kamlesh Bahl. For the past 20 years, as the statute requires, the EOC has worked to redress imbalance and discrimination on the grounds of sex, whether male or female.

THE facts simply do not support Covey's assertion that the EOC's emphasis has shifted away from helping women. In 1995, 90 per cent of the grants for legal assistance were given to women.

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Readers continue their humble attempt to solve Ireland's crisis

ANY HOPE of progress in Northern Ireland now requires a framework to which the Protestant parties are forced to respond.

ONE of the greatest obstacles to peace in Northern Ireland must be Sir Patrick Mayhew. To judge from his public demeanour, he is at once querulous and patronising, unctuous and obstinate, pompous and equivocating.

Most of us do not willingly tolerate those who cannot find in themselves the acceptance which Irish Catholics, as neighbours and colleagues at work, enjoy on this side of the water.

His judgment is now exposed as unreliable, to say the least. There is only one honourable course of action open - resignation.

WHAT a chance for Tony Blair to exercise statesmanship. If the Labour Party offered a firm commitment to hold back its voting power in Parliament by the size of the Orange voting strength whenever issues bearing on the Irish situation came to a division, he would free the Government from its dependence on the Orange vote.

THE inexorable move towards a United States of Europe will deliver the only solution to the problem in Ireland. With a single currency and a Brussels-based government, Ireland, like California in the US, would become a state within a unified Europe.

Chimner Hill, Oxon OX9.



Bread and better

DAVID Hirst's report (King Hussein faces revolt as Jordan chokes on bread prices, July 13) is a very unbalanced assessment of the situation in Jordan today.

Bomb plot

GRANTED that Theodore Kaczynski, the alleged Unabomber, was probably influenced by Conrad's The Secret Agent as discussed by D J Taylor (Comment page, July 12).

What a stunner

JUST before I read your (Jurdle on exam howlers) article in English-speaking world, July 15, I had marked my last batch of GCSE English Literature papers, one of which contained this gem: "Henry V is a great leader. He really gets his soldiers going with the beach. Once more on to the beach, dear friends!"

Hallelujah chorus for Sir Edward

IT IS depressing to read again letters from "professional" musicians (July 15 and 16) decrying the efforts of Sir Edward Heath, who admits to being an "amateur".

seem to suggest that they equate love with technical excellence. As a professional you may have technical excellence, but your letters don't suggest that there is much love about.

Whilst we in Britain were primarily arranging our musical anticlimaxers, in Russia, Rimsky-Korsakov and Borodin (to name but two self-composed amateur musicians) brought fresh air into the music of that country.

As a conductor who heard the concert in Salisbury Cathedral last Saturday, may I correct any impressions from your correspondents that Sir Edward Heath cannot conduct moving performances. The Schubert Unfinished Symphony had great depth and atmosphere.

A Country Diary

AUBRAC to QUERCY: Tall spikes of yellow gentians grow between masses of wild pansies with long-stemmed pink thrift amongst flowering grasses.

chestnut woods and, on a dull day, the fluffy flower tassels are luminous as sunshine against the purple heather on rocky ridges.

There is a national 24-hour postal strike from midnight tonight. But we are confident that our readers will use technology and ingenuity, to communicate with us as usual. To avoid delays, please use our fax number (0171 837 4530), or the letters-page, e-mail address, which is: letters@guardian.co.uk

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Governor warns Tories that poor state of public finances could prevent rate cuts and tax hand-outs

Election bonanza at risk

Richard Thomas
and Michael White

THE Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, yesterday issued a sharp warning to the Government that the poor state of the public finances could scupper its hopes of pre-election interest rate cuts or tax giveaways.

Mr George told the all-party Treasury select committee that he was worried by news that the Treasury had dipped £3.7 billion into the red in June - against market expectations of £3 billion.

It leaves me uncomfortable that there has been this kind of slippage," he said. Mr George said that the forecast by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, of more than a 4 per cent growth in consumer spending next year

would not be sustainable in the long run, and that inflation would be "somewhat stronger" than the Treasury forecast of 2.25 per cent for 1997.

City analysts echoed the governor's fears. Some economists said that the size of the shortfall in June combined with a £300 million upwards revision to May's figure in June cast doubt over forecasts of a £27 billion borrowing requirement for this financial year made by Mr Clarke last week.

In a Commons debate on the economy, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown seized on the data to mount John Major over his failure to balance the budget, promised at the last election.

Notebook

London learns to go it alone

Edited by
Patrick Donovan

IT TELLS you much about the mood of the market that traders have spotted that this morning is the 58th day since the Dow Jones index began its seemingly unstoppable slide.

For those of a superstitious bent, this is a hugely inauspicious date, as it took exactly 55 days between a market peak and the calamitous Wall Street crashes of 1929 and 1987. Certainly, the omens do not look good for US investors, as the Dow Jones continued its extraordinary performance yesterday.

Stock markets shudder as tremors cross the Atlantic

Ian King, Paul Murphy and Mark Tran in New York

FRESH turmoil is expected to hit the London stock market today, after a roller-coaster session of Wall Street trading saw the Dow Jones plunge by as much as 166 points - before recovering most of these losses in a 15-minute burst of buying.

recovering sharply after its initial fall. Analysts said that when the Dow hit a loss of 166 points, it was the cue for bargain hunters to step into the market in a spate of "bottom fishing".



Watching brief... London traders look on as share prices plummet

out in New York - with British shares having failed to match the astonishing speculative boom in US equities over the last 18 months - the cocktail of fears over interest rates, concern over corpora-

earnings growth and political worries in the UK would keep equity prices under pressure.

The catalyst for the fall in US share prices, which is now regarded as the biggest correction since the stock market crash of 1987, has been disappointing profits news.

US investors in the latest economic data. Consumer prices overall edged up just 0.1 per cent in June. The White House also projected an unexpectedly large deficit of \$116 billion for fiscal 1996.

Biotech rights issue flops

Ian King

THE end of the boom in biotechnology stocks is being formally signalled later today when the £143 million rights issue for British Biotech, the sector leader, officially closes.

Shares. However, British Biotech insisted that because the issue had been fully underwritten, it would receive the full £143 million.

there will clearly be a stock overhang in the market. With British Biotech being the sector leader, this will clearly affect everything else.

Wage gap a threat to society, says OECD

Minimum wage and strong unions said to be needed, says Richard Thomas

payments are faring better than their Anglo-Saxon counterparts, the OECD said.

cast that UK unemployment would fall from 7.9 per cent to 7.5 per cent next year, just above the 2 million mark.

Nuclear float group sees share price go critical

HAPLESS small investors in British Energy yesterday suffered further losses on their holdings in the newly privatised nuclear company as the shares continued to collapse, writes Simon Beutts.

minimum allocation of 900 shares. Yesterday's losses were compounded by volatile market conditions. But analysts believe British Energy's fundamental weakness has been the most significant reason for the early failure of the float, setting it apart from all previous sell-offs including the 1987 sale of BP, which caught the full force of a stock market crash.

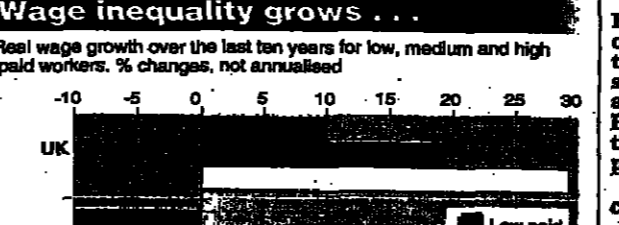
signed up for shares. Labour last night described the sale as a "shambles". Energy spokesman John Battie alleged the Government had withheld vital information about faulty reactors.

British firms present the top takeover targets for predators

Pauline Springett

BRITISH companies are the most sought after takeover targets in Europe, according to KPMG.

\$3.65 billion in the first half, 50 per cent down on the same period last year. Germany was the next most popular target, with inward investment of \$2.10 billion, 10 per cent less than in 1995.



Source: OECD, Employment Outlook

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Canada 2,08	Hong Kong 11,72	New Zealand 2,20	Switzerland 18,30
Cyprus 0,7020	India 55,21	Portugal 3,22	Taiwan 1,8720
Denmark 0,83	Ireland 0,8450	South Korea 2,65	Turkey 104,00
Finland 7,06	Israel 4,93	Saudi Arabia 5,78	USA 1,5100

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Soccer
Sherwood for Arsenal

Arsenal yesterday opened negotiations to sign the Blackburn Rovers midfielder and captain Tim Sherwood after the London club's manager Bruce Rioch indicated he was willing to meet the asking price of £5 million. Although the 27-year-old Sherwood left Blackburn to the Premiership title 14 months ago he would welcome the opportunity to return to his native south and is expected to travel to Highbury before the weekend to discuss personal terms. Trevor Francis, who has revamped Birmingham City since replacing Barry Fry as manager, yesterday paid a club-record £1.5 million for the Chelsea striker Paul Furlong. The former Watford player, surplus to requirements at Stamford Bridge, has agreed a four-year contract and joins the experienced Steve Bruce, Barry Horne and Gary Ablett. The chase between Manchester United and Liverpool for the £2.5 million-rated Karel Poborsky looks likely to end in disappointment for both clubs. Slavia Prague opens negotiations to buy the 34-year-old midfielder to stay with them for the European Champions' Cup. Slavia are in no hurry to part with a player with two years left of his contract and are prepared to make any asking price so high that even Old Trafford and Anfield would tremble at the size of the cheque. Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, continued his Premiership preparations yesterday by paying an initial £500,000 for the 22-year-old Dundee United midfielder Christian Dailly, who was out of contract at Tannadice. Derby may eventually have to pay twice as much, depending on appearances and whether Dailly, a Scotland Under-21 player, achieves full international status. Newcastle United's plans for a new, 60,000-seat stadium look likely to go before a public inquiry after protesters failed to block initial council approval. West Bromwich have been ordered by an FA tribunal to pay Grimsby £600,000 for the midfielder Paul Groves, who moved to The Hawthorns in June. The former Tottenham striker Robert Simpson has broken a leg and dislocated an ankle less than 24 hours after signing a two-year contract with Portsmouth. He will be out of action for at least six months. Stockport have paid £80,000 for the Wolves goalkeeper Paul Jones.



It's in his kiss... Diego Maradona (right) and Claudio Caniggia are tongue-tied after the latter scored Boca Juniors' second goal in their 4-1 trouncing of River Plate in Buenos Aires. Last month a similar display of affection between the two Argentinians prompted Chile's national coach to complain that their behaviour set a bad example for children.

Sport in brief

Hockey

Jason Lee has been called into the Great Britain Olympic squad to replace the striker Rob Thompson, writes Par Rozley. The 26-year-old Old Longlington, who was one of four players to play their first game on Sunday against South Korea. They

Thompson damaged ankle ligaments during a 5-1 victory over Trinidad, and the 31-year-old from Hounslow has not recovered in time. "Rob just trod on someone's foot," said the assistant manager John Hurst. "It was ironic as he had just scored a great goal."

Rugby League

Anthony Sullivan, St Helens' Welsh international winger, is making a better recovery than expected from a leg injury he picked up last month and could be back to help the Super League leaders in their push for the title. Sullivan had been told he

Basketball

Manchester Giants have signed the 31-year-old Garnet Galloway. The former Sheffield Sharks player was a key member of the squad that won the Budweiser League and National Cup double in 1994-95.

Ice Hockey

Sheffield Steelers have signed the 26-year-old right-winger Jamie Leach, who last season won the American League winners Rochester Americans. He previously played 81 games in the NHL, mostly with Pittsburgh Penguins, writes Vic Batchelder.

Racing

Bijou d'Inde in line for the Breeders' Cup

MARK JOHNSTON had a couple of rare set-backs when fancied runner for his stable were beaten on Monday. However, the Middleham trainer was back on form yesterday with a double at Beverley with Clincher Club and Green Barriers. Speaking at the Yorkshire track, Johnston stressed that Bijou d'Inde, winner of the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot, is not yet a certain runner for the Jordanian International at York next month. Having finished strongly to be beaten a neck by Halling in the Coral-Eclipse over ten furlongs, it seemed natural to take in the Group One race at York before reverting to a mile for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in September. "The Queen Elizabeth remains his main British target for the rest of the season, and then he'll go for the Breeders' Cup Mile in Toronto," said Johnston. "The fact that he ran so well over a mile and a quarter does give him more options, and the Juddmonte is one of them. We will make a decision much nearer the time."

The brother and sister Trigger and Double Eclipse are both recovering from setbacks. Johnston suggested that Double Trigger, beaten by Classic Cliche in the Ascot Gold Cup, is likely to return for the Doncaster Cup at the St Leger meeting, while Double Eclipse will be aimed for the Irish St Leger and the Prix Royal Oak in the autumn. Racing's finances have sunk further into the red according to the annual report of the Horserace Betting Levy Board put before Parliament yesterday. With the success of the National Lottery showing no sign of losing its momentum, the report, which reviews the 1995-96 financial year, calculates the levy yield at £48 million, £7 million less than had been forecast in October 1994 before the introduction of the Lottery. Whilst the Board was able to honour its expenditure commitments for 1996, expenditure for 1996-97 was reduced by £5 million and over the two years upwards of £8 million of its cash reserves have been spent to protect horseracing's income. Lord Huntingdon has a reputation for expertly placing his less talented horses to win, and he appears to have found a good opportunity for Dummer Gold Time (3.35) in the Timeform Black Book Handicap at Sandown today. At first glance his colt appears to be inconsistent, but on the overall balance of his form he is well treated, and a close inspection of his performances suggest that he is weighted to land his second victory. Arguably, Dummer Gold Time's best run was his first, at Wolverhampton in January when he ran Farmost to half a length, the pair pulling six lengths clear of their rivals. Farmost went on to complete the hat-trick and is now rated 75, whereas his selection runs off 60 this afternoon. He tackles seven furlongs for the first time, and is ideally drawn, 10th of the 11 runners. Sometimes those racing towards the rail on the round course at Sandown find little room to challenge, but if the pace is strong the leaders tend to weaken, or split, leaving a gap. David Harrison's task will be to produce his mount with a well-timed challenge in the closing stages, and if Dummer Gold Time has the run of the race, he should win.

Sandown card with guide to the form

- 2.00 Seabe
2.05 John Of Warwick
2.08 West
3.35 DUMMER GOLF TIME (ump)
4.10 Iron Lion
4.40 Walk The Beat
2.00 TIMPSON HAZARD HANDICAP STAKES 5YO 6F CLASSE
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Redcar runners and riders

- 2.15 Handicap
2.30 The Wind
2.50 Sharp Beauty
2.50 Market Dancer
4.55 Blackbird
4.58 What Happened Was
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Graham Rock

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Brighton tonight

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TOP FIVE TIPS: Seabe, Iron Lion, John Of Warwick, West, Walk The Beat

Doncaster tonight

- 6.30 Seabe
6.35 John Of Warwick
6.38 West
6.35 DUMMER GOLF TIME (ump)
6.40 Iron Lion
6.45 Walk The Beat
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Ned out for a quick double

NED'S BONANZA, who came with a late dash to land a gamble by a short head at Beverley yesterday afternoon in the Super Racing Handicap, had a seven-year-old named "Al" though he gets a fill penalty for that victory, he is still very well handicapped on his winning form of last year. "He is in such good heart we have got to go for a quick win. My main concern is that he is not well drawn as stall number four."

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GOLF: THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Four strokes that shaped Lytham lore

BOBBY JONES, the only amateur to have won the Open... did so three times... in 1926 at Royal Lytham St Annes, at St Andrews the following year and in 1930 at Hoylake. And few golf shots are as famous as the one he played on the 17th at Lytham 70 years ago.

dragged his tee shot into sand. A ridge and bushes meant he could not see the green, but his shot from 75 yards finished four yards from the pin.



David J Russell set up his best Open finish from the 1st tee

WHEN David J Russell got to Royal Lytham St Annes on the Saturday morning to play in the third round of the 1988 Open, he was dreading the day's proceedings. It was not that he was playing badly; far from it, for he had opened with rounds of 71 and 74 to make the cut by four shots.



Hole 1 205yds Par 3

flag, bounced a couple of times, struck the pin and stopped inches away, absolutely dead. "No one," says Russell, "was ever more relieved." As they walked to the green Nicklaus springingly dropped back to allow Russell the full applause of the crowd, and the Englishman was off and running.



Peter McEvoy hit a nine to the 11th and fell away

THE shot failed by only a foot. Had it succeeded, Peter McEvoy could conceivably have achieved what is nowadays regarded as an impossibility: winning the Open Championship as an amateur.



Hole 11 547yds Par 5

He hit two good shots into the wind and still had a nine-iron into the green. The problem was that the pin was tucked away at the far end of the putting surface, on a thin peninsula of green fronted by bunkers and backed by gorse bushes. It was an extremely narrow target and the temptation was to take the soft option and go for the front of the green and take a safe par five.



Bobby Jones won the 1926 Open from a 17th wasteland

THEY were less demonstrative days in 1926; either that or the Guardian's man-on-the-spot was not actually on the spot at the time. Whatever the reason, the paper's description of one of the most famous golf shots raises the pulse about as much as an invitation to a church fete.



Hole 17 457yds Par 4

THE fact that this wonderful shot so staggered Watrous that he three-putted is not recorded, nor its immense degree of difficulty. Readers of the Times did a little better, though, for Bernard Darwin told them that Jones nipped the ball off the sandy surface perfectly when "a tea-spoonful more would have meant irremediable ruin".



Tony Jacklin's drive at the 18th ushered in a new era

IT IS difficult now to remember what it was like back in 1969, when no Briton had won the Open for 18 years. But the atmosphere on the final day, as Tony Jacklin made his way to the 18th tee, was nakedly jingoistic: Jacko had to win and be damned any New Zealander — Bob Charles was challenging — who might get in the way.



Hole 18 414yds Par 4

well he was playing, for he reached for the driver. A couple of practice efforts and he swung at the ball; moments later those near the clubhouse gasped in relief and then triumph. The ball cleared all the hazards, ran rapidly down the fairway and came to rest some 150 yards from the green.

Faldo's bunker mentality gets him back in swing

THIS week Nick Faldo returns happily to the place which, 21 years ago, "was as near as damnit the start of my career". Faldo, the winner of six major championships, won his first national title over the links of St Annes when he became the English Amateur champion and demonstrated fully the first time that a truly exciting talent had arrived.

list that even Mark McCormack would envy. They have been working together again pre-championship. After missing the cut in the Western Open in the United States, Faldo flew over to Britain and took himself off to Royal St George's to get myself in links mode. There he and Leadbetter concentrated on aspects of the downswing.

something like 14 under to win. Of course if it blows from the north-west, as it should because that is the prevailing wind, then scores will soar.



Ice age... Bernhard Langer of Germany cools off yesterday during practice for the Open

Doctor in charge happy to be left speechless

Mike Selvey at Lytham finds club captain Steven Reid practising for the social round

THESE will be something essentially quaint about the presentation to the Open champion on Sunday evening. No grand march up a staircase, no waving balcony scenes, no Queen, no Duchess of Kent. Instead, when he has holed his final putt, taken the placidly of 10,000 people packed into the stands around the 18th and signed his card in the scorers' caravan, he will find a few tables and chairs set out behind the last green, and there the captain of Royal Lytham and St Annes will hand over the Claret Jug.

starts it becomes a social round. "I've got to host lunches on Thursday, Friday and Sunday for VIPs, dignitaries, past captains, those from local clubs, friends and relations. Saturday there are other things to do." He will not say what he has in mind, but he will say that he has a "social round" on the 2nd and 3rd days of the Open.

SportsGuardian

Bjarne Riis ruins the Spaniard's birthday to retain the Tour de France yellow jersey after a punishing climb in blistering heat

Broken Indurain admits defeat

William Fotheringham in Lourdes

MIGUEL Indurain was 32 yesterday, but it was not a birthday he will want to remember. The first part of the celebrations were the same as they have been since 1991: a vast birthday cake presented to the five-times Tour winner in the start village amid a vast scrum of press and fans.

Hautacam consists of one small building on a bleak green hillside and has provided brutal and heroic spectacle on both occasions that the Tour has finished here. In 1994, as this year, it was the only climb of consequence at the end of a long stage across the plains of Aquitaine. The

peloton hits the one-in-12 slopes at some 30 miles per hour, then slows and shatters like a wave breaking on a rock. Then it is every man to his own painful rhythm uphill for eight leg-shattering miles. There is no respite.

Indurain has been both victor and vanquished here. In 1994, his incredible acceleration through thick mist effectively won him the Tour and destroyed Tony Rominger. This year, in baking sun, the Swiss was again allotted a bit part. When he slipped off the back of the small lead group which formed after the first grinding impact with the gradient, it was Indurain who upped the pace.

For a few seconds, history repeated itself. Indurain accelerated and Rominger growled. Then, as his team-mate Jean Guirich maintained the pace, Riis glided back down the group. It looked like weakness, but he was merely stinging up the opposition. "I wanted to see how they all were, and they all seemed to be flat out. I said: 'It's now or never, you must win the Tour now.'"

Two searing attacks followed. "The first time I didn't go 100 per cent, I just wanted to put the others in trouble. Then I went flat out." It was a gesture of supreme confidence, the like of which has not been seen since early



Uphill struggle... Miguel Indurain grits his teeth as Bjarne Riis sets a punishing pace

PHOTOGRAPH: ERIC GAILLARD

1990s, when Bernard Hinault and Laurent Fignon could afford the luxury of toying with the opposition in this way. Intriguingly, Riis was Fignon's chief domestique at the end of the Frenchman's career, and he thanked the Fignon publically for the advice he has received.

While Riis forged ahead, Indurain almost came to a painful halt as the effort he had made in trying to stay with the Dane made itself felt. The pedals hardly turned, the

pronged head bowed over the handlebars, the grimace became desperate. Just to rub it in, Rominger found his second wind and passed on the right, without a look in his old rival's direction.

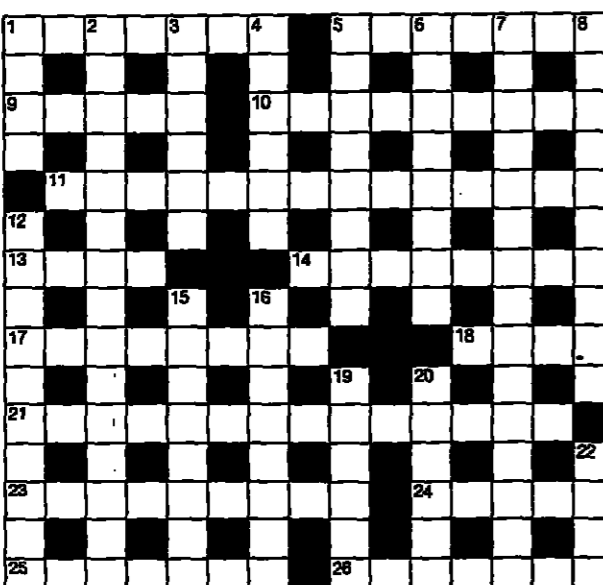
In the next four painful, slow-motion miles, Indurain lost almost 2 1/2 minutes — and had he not come round towards the end, and Riis felt the strain of his all-out effort, it would have been far more. As he entered the final kilometre through a forest of red, white and green Basque flags, he threw an apologetic look at the fans who had come across the border to cheer him on.

"I tried to follow Riis three times, the fourth time I blew up, and after that I couldn't follow anyone," he said. "The gap between us is now unbridgeable. It was a day which I don't want to remember. It was a day which I don't want to remember."

Indurain was not the only loser. Evgeny Berzin feared

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23 Tinea, unpleasant complaint in restaurant (6,3)
24, 25 Bit of a fight with the siren — rough passage on old-time radio (6,3,4)
26 I go in neuter, which is different from the train (7)

Down

- 1, 12 One's own valuation for the DIY? (4-10)
- 2 A question of survival from the single chamber? (7,8)
- 3 In the course of being translated you go to the opera (6)
- 4 Change my dog's name when it turns up inside (5)
- 5 An ironic form of address, in the light of day (8)
- 6 A note on race relationship (8)
- 7 Cox at me? (6,3,6)
- 8 21's poet's 12 of quarrel? (10)

Solution tomorrow

Across

- 1 Bondage to the internet, say? (7)
- 5 Name for house that is encircled by wild waves (3,4)
- 9 One without prospects (see part of 1 across) (5)
- 10 Row spoilt racing: it's for 23 on the move (6-3)
- 11 Almost give a sick note to setter when embraced by Achilles' mother: that

shows what the world's coming to (4,2,3,5)

- 13 Little to pay for music (4)
- 14 Copier first to last needing company? Not a lot (3,2,3)
- 17 Umberto allies himself, we hear, with enemies of the planet (8)
- 18 Way out and unknown it may be, but euthanasia's starting, starting (4)
- 21 Single in the field inspires Israel to prayer (6,6)

Money talks in the state of disunion



Vincent Hanna

OLD FART Radio has been blaring all week. The word from Twickers is they'll talk to the other countries, compromise is possible, and it's not just about money you know. They are decent chaps at the RFU — and I don't believe a word they say.

The Scots say they'll play a four-nations tournament without the BBC, and it's not just about money, laddie. You couldn't meet a nicer bunch of blokes — and they're talking out of their sprockets.

Will Carling says, if England can't play in the Five Nations, rugby will be destroyed, and it's not just about money. Pull the other one, Will.

ESkyB says that it wishes to help rugby union, save the Five Nations Championship, and it's not just about money, Bollocks.

I feel I've been watching turkeys queue up for a Bernard Matthews Christmas Break. The only good thing is that some have spotted that the RFU booked the holiday.

"Sport is a metaphor for life," said George Millar, a US congressman. "People play basketball like they legislate."

You can give that a slightly different spin. Sports administrators tend to reflect the political character of their own nations.

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Birmingham to fix the venue for the 1998 Winter Olympics. Ostersund of Sweden went home empty-handed. But as one of its officials said: "We give each IOC member a gift on our personal visits, a gift when they visit our city, a gift when they visit our hospitality suite, and a gift every day in the hotel."

Television pays the money and calls the shots. NBC, which paid £700 million for the next two Games, is contracted to pay £1.5 billion for the summer Games of 2004 and 2008 and the winter Games of 2006, for which host cities have not yet been chosen. It will revamp the Games to suit itself.

Bear that in mind and let's get back to rugby. Sky offered £166 million over five years to the Home Unions, with England to get £27.5 million, Wales £40 million, Scotland £20 million, and Ireland £18 million (mind you, this is great money for the 75 or so Irish rugby players).

The other four countries say the money belongs to them all in principle (whatever that means), and if necessary they'll play on without England. The idea is dast. They would get a pitance for the TV rights, with or without a player-led alternative English team.

If the fight were for the integrity of rugby I could applaud their stand. But they are fighting over money and, as Robert Armstrong argued yesterday, money makes the rules.

If there is no compromise recognising that rugby cannot exist on gate money, Rupert Murdoch will simply revamp the game and play an annual mini-World Cup with England, the southern hemisphere countries, and (in the crunch) I suspect with France too.

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Actually I was glad to see that Jean-Claude Killy joined the IOC in 1995. But the thrill was brief: he is director of Coca-Cola France, to which, along with NBC, the Olympic movement has sold its soul.

Corruption and graft are endemic, as Andrew Jennings explains in his excellent new book. In 1991 the IOC met in

British swimmers suffer long delay

David Hopps and John Duncan in Atlanta

BRITAIN'S swimmers suffered the full brunt of Olympic disorder in a fraught and exhausting journey here from their training camp in Tallahassee. A four-hour flight delay after a nail was discovered in one of the plane's tyres was followed by four hours of misery in a chaotic accreditation procedure at the airport.

In addition Sarah Hardcastle, a medallist in Los Angeles 12 years ago, had

some of her luggage go astray as Olympic organisers seemed unprepared for the sudden influx of competitors and officials.

"The important thing is not to get stressed out," she said. "If you fail to handle the frustrations of a day like this it can ruin months of preparation. Your chances of winning an Olympic medal can be lost before you've cleared the airport."

The younger swimmers are probably less likely to suffer because the experience is so novel and exciting for them. But older hands like me have to keep

themselves in control. I just have to sit here with Terry Denison, Britain's swimming coach, and try to imagine I'm lazing around with my husband down at the job centre.

Atlanta's experimental policy of giving competitors no fast-track accreditation left the swimmers bemused. Some sat on the floor playing cards, others lay on hand luggage and tried to doze.

Earlier in Tallahassee, as a new tyre was being flown in from Atlanta, they had whiled away the time in the shade as temperatures in

Florida reached 105F. The 40-minute flight then took nearly 1 1/2 hours because of landing delays at the State's second-busiest airport.

Considering the frustration, Atlanta's relative cool — it was in the high 70s — was some comfort. As the swimmers left by coach for the Olympic village, one roadside exhortation seemed to sum up their day.

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